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May 27, 2003

The Honorable President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

RE: Part 417 Review of Imperial Irrigation District (CA) Use of Colorado River Entitlement (TIME-SENSITIVE)

Dear Mr. President:

We are a financial institution and a major agricultural lender in California's Imperial Valley, and have significant financial interests in this border community.

The Imperial Valley is an area of critical agricultural importance to California and this Nation, made more so by our country's heightened national security and increased food safety concerns.

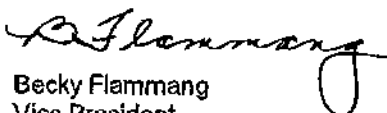
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We have been provided no information regarding the Review process by the Government and are concerned that any determination by the United States in this proceeding may have a deleterious effect upon our customers and our interests.

If the Department of Interior has the power through this process to arbitrarily determine the water available to this area on a yearly basis, it will frustrate our ability to meet the needs of our customers and our customers' ability to fulfill their financial commitments.

To the extent that you support such unbridled power for the Department of the Interior over agriculture and economics in the American West, we would request an immediate meeting with the appropriate official in your Administration to discuss its far-reaching effects.

Respectfully,


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Respectfully,

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May 28, 2003

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Re: Part 417 Review for Imperial Irrigation District

Dear Mr. President:

We are a financial institution in the Imperial Valley, California. It has come to our attention that the United States Government, through the Department of Interior is conducting a procedure described as follows:

De novo Part 417 Review for Imperial Irrigation District

It is the Government's position in this procedure that it will be able to determine on a yearly basis whether or not the Imperial Irrigation District's practices in its use of Colorado River water in the Imperial Valley are reasonable and beneficial.

We have significant customer relations in the Imperial and Coachella Valleys of California. The loans we make are dependent on the property and water that supports them.

We have been given no information on this process by the United States and are concerned that any determination by the United States in this proceeding may have a deleterious affect on our customers and ourselves as we support the greater community. It is clear we have not been informed adequately by the appropriate governmental agencies.

If the Department of Interior has the power through this process to arbitrarily determine on a yearly basis the water available to our customers, it will frustrate our ability to meet the needs of our customers and our customers' ability to prosper.

To the extent you believe that the Department of Interior has such power, we would request an immediate meeting with the appropriate official in your Administration so we can discuss the

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potential unbridled power of the Department of Interior. The Department of Interior's apparent unknowing effect on the community at large is concerning.

Respectfully,



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President/CEO



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